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28 August 1968

IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

AGENDA
for

ICRS-M-12 Tuesday, 3 September 1968

Room 1G 38 Headquarters

1. Cuba Briefing

Requirement - ICRS Staff

Exploitation - NPIC

Operational Control - DIA

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2. [] Briefing

3. Approval of Minutes, 20 August 1968 Meeting

4. Satellite Schedule - NRO

5. 1048 Programming Target Complexes

6. South China/North Vietnam Priority List
(ICRS-D-6/18-91)

7. Short Arc Technique Paper - ICRS-M-11 Minutes

8. Nomination Form

9. Update Target File

10. Other Business

NRO review(s) completed.

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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 13:30 Tuesday, 3 September 1968

PRESIDING

Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lt. Col. L. B. Minturn, OACSI
Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman, AFNIN

Mr. J. M. Urban, ONI

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

NRO
Lt. Col. B. R. Hodgson, AFNIN
NPIC
Lt. Cdr. J. R. Babb, ONI

DIA

CUBA AREA COVERAGE BRIEFING

1. The Chairman reviewed the USIB area coverage requirement for Cuban GLASS LAMP missions. Present requirements are contained in USIB-D-14/305 (COMOR-D-24/203), 9 January 1967 which calls for coverage of approximately 90% of the territory of Cuba every 56 days. No minimum/maximum cloud cover criteria is specified. The previous requirement, USIB-D-41.14/205 (COMOR-D-24/178), 25 November 1964 stated area requirement as 90% coverage of the

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territory of Cuba with interpretable photography at least once every four weeks. On 11 August 1964 /USIB-D-41.14/165 (COMOR-D-24/151), 11 August 1964/ COMOR instructed NPIC to report on area coverage on the basis of 25% or less cloud cover from camera operation mode 5.

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a. The basis for the percent of coverage of the Cuban land mass for GLASS LAMP missions is a detailed analysis of the large scale (B) photography acquired from each mission. From this analysis a graphical index of each mission is compiled indicating a band of photographic coverage to include the principal points of the 2L and 2R camera positions (a swath of approximately 26 nautical miles). Incorporated into the index is a delineation of areas of photographic coverage containing 25 percent or less cloud cover within the established swath.

b. The delineated areas are outlined so as to determine which portions fall within the boundaries of the Cuban land mass, and are measured with a polar planimeter to define the number of square nautical miles of coverage attained for the mission. This figure, when weighed against the total square nautical miles contained within the established limits of the Cuban land mass, will indicate the percentage of the Island covered for that mission.

c. Additional coverage afforded by each subsequent mission is determined in a similar manner. The area of new coverage is determined by comparing the current mission index to the accumulation of indexes to date. The new coverage afforded by the current mission is outlined, measured, and the additional percent of coverage added to the previous total to indicate the overall percentage for the specified time period.

d. Outdated coverage is "dropped" by reversing the procedure for determining additional coverage. The unique coverage acquired by the mission under consideration is measured and subtracted from

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NOMINATION FORM

10. The Chairman reviewed recent actions taken relevant to the Nomination Form as follows: (1) the form and criteria thereto were approved by ICRS on 30 July 1968, (2) the form was presented to COMIREX on 15 August at which time the CIA member did not concur with the criteria portion, (3) the form and instructions were approved by COMIREX if no objections were registered by COB 21 August, (4) the CIA ICRS Member would present a rewrite of the criteria to be discussed at the 3 September ICRS meeting, (5) the CIA COMIREX Member registered objection to the form itself before COB 21 August, (6) the Chairman, COMIREX then remanded the form to ICRS for discussion with a request that it be placed on the 5 September COMIREX agenda.

11. The Chairman further stated that all members had a copy of the recommended changes in the criteria and asked [redacted] if he had the recommendations for change in the Nomination Form. DIA submitted their comments to the CIA proposed amended criteria to the Chairman.

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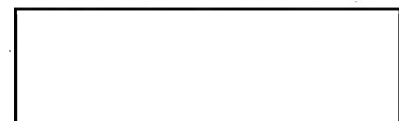
12. [redacted] distributed a draft of a CIA proposal entitled "COMIREX Guidelines for the Selection and Recording of Objectives in the National Imagery Target Lists". He said that the approach in this paper was to combine the submission of information required for the target nomination process that is pertinent to selection, maintenance and recording of targets in the National Imagery Collection Target List (NICTL) and the National Imagery Exploitation Target Base (NIETB) and excluding information and statements bearing on requirements and priorities for collection and/or exploitation. [redacted] requested clarification of what the ICRS was expected to consider at the meeting since it was his understanding the ICRS was to discuss the CIA proposal for a revised criteria which he was prepared to address. He pointed out he was not in a position to discuss the CIA proposal concerning the Nomination Form since he had not had the opportunity to review it. He reaffirmed the DIA position that there has been nothing new relevant to the Nomination Form that would abrogate the previous approval of the form and therefore it should be implemented, at least on a trial basis, as soon as possible.

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13. [redacted] stated he recognized the difficulty presented to the members in addressing a proposal they had not had sufficient time to study,

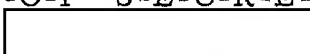
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however, he reminded the members he was obliged to present a status report to COMIREX on this subject at the 5 September meeting. He therefore requested the CIA member to briefly present the CIA thinking, relative to the form, and where the major problems existed.

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14. [] replied that his conclusion from last weeks discussion was that there was misunderstanding among the ICRS members of what the various entries on the form really meant and expecially in the value and use of some of the entries. He also said he had come to the conclusion that the Nomination Form, as recommended, was attempting to do two distinct tasks; (1) maintain the COMIREX target deck and the NIETB and (2) assign photographic requirements and frequency of collection. In his opinion he said these were two separate tasks which had been and should continue to be handled separately. [] recommended that the CIA proposed "guidelines" be considered as the basis for assembling the National Target List.

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15. The NSA representative pointed out he was holding a large number of target nominations on the assumption the form would receive early approval. He noted he had some reservations on some of the entries but felt these subjects had been previously discussed in detail, and the form should be implemented, on an interim basis, and modifications made to it as use of it dictates.

16. The Air Force representative said he couldn't understand the reasoning in further ICRS discussion since it had approved the form very recently and these objections should have been raised at that time.

17. The Chairman requested the members to review the CIA paper to see if some agreement or compromise could be arrived at. He asked members to report by COB Wednesday, 4 September any comments on the CIA paper. (He subsequently reported to the Chairman, COMIREX, that no agreement had been reached.)

SATELLITE SCHEDULE

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18. [] reported the satellite schedule as follows:

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CORONA

1048 - 18 Sep 1968
1105 - 30 Oct 1968
1106 - 11 Dec 1968
1049 - 29 Jan 1969
1107 - 12 Mar 1969

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

19. There were no changes to the South China/North Vietnam Priority List.

20. DIA submitted the weekly report of acceptable data base coverage of high priority targets in North Vietnam. There was no South China coverage during the period.

UPDATE TARGET FILE

21. Target updates consisting of: 62 Additions
9 Changes
37 Inactivates
19 Deletes

were distributed for review. Members were given to COB 4 September 1968, to register objections.

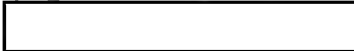
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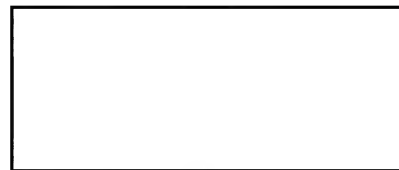
OTHER BUSINESS

22. Short Arc Technique Paper

DIA submitted a recommended redraft of subject paper. It will be discussed at the 10 September meeting.

23. Far East Long Range Paper

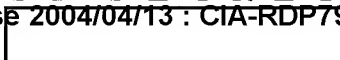
The periodic Far East Long Range coverage report to COMIREX was distributed for information.



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